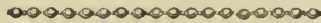




*Mimosa hispida.*

*Bot. Beech. Journ., 1798. by J. Sowerby. N. 2. Wood. Place, Lambeth.*

## MIMOSA hispida.

*Little harsh Mimosa.*

SPEC. CHAR. M. foliis simplicibus ellipticis obliquis utrinque margineque scabris, ramulis hispidopubescentibus, capitulis solitariis.

Leaves simple, elliptical, oblique, rough on each side and at the margin. Young branches clothed with short harsh down. Heads of flowers solitary.

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A more extraordinary *Mimosa* than even the preceding. We know no other species that has so much asperity about it; certainly every other simple-leaved one yet discovered is perfectly smooth. It has not appeared in the gardens, nor were any specimens sent till last year.

It seems to form a thick rigid bush, the *branches* numerous, alternate, spreading, round, very rough with a short, dense, rigid pubescence, especially when young. *Leaves* alternate, apparently vertical, sessile, elliptical, oblique, pointed, entire, extremely harsh with minute,

prominent, scattered points, especially on the rib and the cartilaginous margin, so that they might be called denticulate. *Stipulæ* in pairs, very minute, triangular, membranous. *Flowers* pale yellow, many together in little round heads, which stand solitary, on rough axillary *flower-stalks* shorter than the leaves, destitute of *bractææ*. *Calyx* in four segments, ciliated. *Petals* four, concave. *Pod* compressed, broadish in proportion to its length.

#### EXPLANATION OF TAB. XVI.

1. Back of a magnified flower. 2. A stamen. 3, 3, Two pods, copied from a drawing done at Port Jackson. 4. A stipula magnified.